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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No.: PD-N96055**  
**Customer No.: 020991**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP NO. 2611

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Douglas M. Dillon  
Application No.: 08/838,242  
Filed: April 16, 1997  
For: Satellite Broadcasting System Employing  
Channel Switching

: Group Art Unit: 2611  
: Examiner: R. Brown

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX AF**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Technology Center 2600

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection and a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 of John T. Whelan in the above-identified application.

- A Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee for the total months of extension now requested.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- The fee for claims is calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|   | CLAIMS REMAINING   |                                       | PRESENT | ADDITIONAL FEE         |          |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|
|   | AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR |         | EXTRA                  | RATE     |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                    | 57 minus           | 74 =                                  | 0 x     | \$ 18.00               | \$ 0.00  |
| INDEPENDENT                                     | 8 minus            | 6 =                                   | 2 x     | \$ 84.00               | \$168.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS                       |                    |                                       |         | \$ 280.00              | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b> |                    |                                       |         | <b><u>\$168.00</u></b> |          |

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Charge \$168.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,



John T. Whelan 64-02-03

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